

Two Indicted As Profiteers In Sugar Deals

Charged With Making More Than 8 Cents on Sales; One Company Accused of Lacking a License

Riley Attacks Hoover
Producers Letter Dealing With Failure to Purchase 1920 Crop From Cuba

Two indictments for profiteering in sugar and one for dealing in sugar without a license were returned by the Federal grand jury yesterday afternoon. The Economy Wholesale Grocery Company and Abraham Gladstone, both of Chicago, were indicted for buying 60,000 pounds of sugar at 15 1/2 cents a pound and selling it at 24 cents a pound in the New York market at 24 cents a pound. D. D. Netter, of Netter & Co., 150 Nassau Street, and Morris Spirt, of Nassau, Conn., were indicted jointly for buying sugar at 18 1/2 cents a pound and selling it to the United States Exporting Company at 24 1/2 cents a pound. The Chicago dealers were indicted for dealing in sugar without a license. Their contracts, according to Federal authorities, antedated the sugar act of a year.

Hoover's Assertion Denied
Armed by Justice, chief of the Department of Justice, "flying squadrons" gave out a statement yesterday before he departed for Washington, in which he denies the assertion of Herbert C. Hoover that the present high price of sugar is due to the neglect of the government to purchase the Cuban crop at 6 1/2 cents a pound.

Mr. Riley's statement was accompanied by a letter from John B. Floyd to Arthur C. Capen, secretary of the Sugar Equalization Board, in which Mr. Riley, who is an attorney of the board, says that Mr. Hoover as chairman of the Sugar Equalization Board had full power to acquire the Cuban crop, but failed to exercise that power. In this letter Mr. Floyd says that the Sugar Equalization Board would have made no purchase of the Cuban crop "even though the President had specifically ordered it to be done."

Cites Board's Proclamation
While still head of the Sugar Equalization Board Mr. Hoover concurred in a proclamation, according to Mr. Floyd, which was issued by the board January 2, 1919, in which the following statement was made:

"On the basis of the facts presented and the conclusions reached by the Sugar Equalization Board the President has decided that the authority conferred by the McNary sugar act passed December 20, so far as it involves the purchase and distribution of the Cuban crop by the government, would not be exercised."

"Apparently the supply of sugar available for consumption in the United States will be sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers, even on the present unnecessarily large basis of consumption."

"From this proclamation, says Mr. Floyd, it appears that the action of the board in purchasing the Cuban crop was taken upon the facts presented and the conclusions reached by the Sugar Equalization Board. It is equally clear," says Mr. Floyd, "that the statement that the supply of sugar is apparently sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers must have been based on information furnished by the Sugar Equalization Board."

"How Mr. Hoover can hold the Department of Justice responsible for his own acts and those of the United States is beyond understanding," Mr. Riley said. "That he and the other members of the board had the power and the money to buy the Cuban 1920 crop is admitted by them. They are responsible for their failure to exercise this power must be borne by them."

Senate Committee for Export Embargo on Sugar

WASHINGTON, May 28.—By a vote of 6 to 3 the Senate Agriculture Committee today ordered a favorable report on the McNary bill providing for an export embargo on sugar.

Those supporting the bill were Senators McNary of Oregon, Capper of Kansas, Burton of Iowa and Norris of Nebraska, Republicans, and Harrison of Mississippi and Kendrick of Wyoming, Democrats. Senators Smith of Georgia, Smith of South Carolina and Randall of Louisiana, Democrats, opposed it.

The committee amended the measure so that it would not affect sugar sent to the United States by foreign countries or their nationals. The bill is planned by Senator McNary.

Thomas Healy Indicted

Federal Grand Jury Acts Without Request From Prosecutor

Thomas Healy, proprietor of a restaurant at Columbus Avenue and Sixty-sixth Street, was indicted yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury on the charge of maintaining a common nuisance under the Federal prohibition laws. The jurors returned the indictment on their own initiative.

The indictment charges Healy with having sold alcoholic drinks to patrons of his restaurant between February 15 and March 15, 1920. Witnesses against Healy were summoned and examined by the grand jury without the aid of a Federal District Attorney or his assistant. The indictment was returned to Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand. Healy was previously indicted by a Federal grand jury on April 15 last on a charge of violation of the Volstead act, the indictment growing out of the sensational charges against the establishment made by Dr. John Roach Straton.

\$1,723 on Dead Woman

Pocketbook Tied Around Her Neck; Died While Shopping

Mrs. Teresa Barone, forty-five years old, of 305 East Eleventh Street, became ill last night while shopping at Fifth Street and First Avenue. Dr. McClure, of the Harlem Hospital, was called, but the woman died before he arrived. A pocketbook containing \$1,723 was found tied around her neck. The woman's body was identified by her son, Michael.

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Governor and Gompers Act In Port War

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Gompers, but it was said in other quarters that the labor chief would try to see Mr. Smith this morning and lay before him the extent and gravity of a struggle over the open-shop issue and point out the necessity for preventing a show-down.

The conference at the Continental was attended by O'Connor, Ryan, Peter J. Brady, of the Allied Printing Trades; William P. Kehoe, secretary, and Edward McCaffrey, president of the Transportation Trades Council; James P. Holland, head of the State Federation of Labor, and Frank S. Lacey, of the Teamsters' Union.

Mr. Gompers declined to make public what transpired at the meeting, but it was learned from other sources that the labor men went over the details of the situation and that Gompers was placed at the stand taken by the local strikers. It was agreed that the whole controversy, being of peculiar importance, would be placed in his charge, and that no moves would be made without his advice and guidance.

He indicated, however, that labor would take no step until the business interests gave evidence of going through with their plans. It was said that the labor men would remain on the ground until the situation appeared more favorable.

An indication of the determination of the shipping interests henceforth to adhere to the open shop principle was furnished by the attitude of H. H. Raymond, head of the Clyde and Mallory lines, who said the coastwise lines would hereafter hire men irrespective of whether they were union or non-union workers. "The unions will have to realize," he remarked, "that we are running our own companies."

To this O'Connor replied: "This means industrial war between the Merchants' Association and the shipping companies. All kinds of rackets will be running round the banners of the shipping companies to relieve the city of New York, which adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Traffic Club of New York, in accordance with the movement initiated by the Merchants' Association, Board of Trade, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, New York State Chamber of Commerce and other civic associations to relieve the city of New York of the intolerable conditions that prevail in connection with transportation facilities."

Figures on Strike Loss
Traffic experts yesterday made public figures showing the effect of the various strikes on the port during the last two months. It was estimated that, beginning with the coastwise longshoremen's strike on March 6, the loss to industry had been approximately \$500,000,000. The tie-up on the railroads by the insurgent strike, it was estimated, had cost more than \$1,000,000 a day.

Since partial restoration of service on the lines the loss has been reduced to \$500,000 daily. This does not include losses to employees thrown out of work because of a reduction in output or shut-down of industries.

Alfred M. Barrett, of the Public Service Commission, says that 40 per cent of the business of the port has been lost to industry as a result of the troubles. The damage to the city because of this loss, he said, could hardly be estimated.

It was also estimated that the 6,500 coastwise workers have lost more than \$2,000,000 in wages in the ten weeks of the strike. The 2,500 marine workers lost \$612,000 during their five weeks' stoppage and the 2,000 insurgent workers are said to have lost about \$420,000 in seven weeks.

Wood's Employees Hold Parade of Confidence

Demonstration at Home of the Woolen Man Who Was Indicted as Profiteer

From a Special Correspondent
LAWRENCE, Mass., May 28.—Several thousand employees of the four mills of the American Woolen Company here today marched to the summer home of William M. Wood, president of the company, who is under indictment in New York as a profiteer, waving flags, shouting, cheering and calling their confidence in Mr. Wood, they sang patriotic songs and listened to addresses.

Children and wives of mill workers, officials of the company and older employees were taken to the scene of the jubilation in automobiles. Thousands of other operatives marched to Andover behind the Woolen mill band. The parade was a demonstration for the workers in which they declared the workers had supreme confidence in their president.

With the demonstration in Andover in full progress, officers and members of the Amalgamated Textile Workers, a union outside of the American Federation of Labor, were busy preparing a counter demonstration for to-morrow afternoon. When a mass meeting will be held in an attempt to arrange a one-day strike Tuesday. The strike will, according to Organizer Ben Legere, be in protest of to-day's demonstration.

Labor Conference Postponed

CLEVELAND, May 28.—Because only a few national officers were able to arrive on time, a joint meeting of the National Labor party and the Committee of Forty-eight officials here today was postponed indefinitely. Max Hayes, of Cleveland, chairman of the National Labor party, announced.

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10 Held in \$100,000 Theft of Woolens; Police Allege Plot

Conspiracy to Plunder the Railroads of Millions in Merchandise Believed to Have Been Thwarted

Ten men, two of them employees of the Erie Railroad, were arrested yesterday in Newark and Manhattan charged with the theft of 600 bolts of woolen goods, valued at more than \$100,000, from a boxcar on the Erie line. The police allege that the crime is a part of a conspiracy through which the railroads were to be plundered of millions of dollars' worth of valuable freight.

George Brown, 227 Manhattan Avenue, Jersey City, and James R. Carrough, 345 Woodside Avenue, Newark, were arrested before United States Commissioner Charles Hendrickson, in Newark. Last night Detectives Brauns, Hayden, Drury and Burns, of the last and truck squad, arrested Thomas Brown, 501 East Nineteenth Street; Joseph Sorrahany, 421 East Thirtieth Street; Daniel Daly, 433 West Twenty-first Street; Dominic Luceri, 335 Tenth Avenue; Nathan Zimmerman, 2450 Davidson Avenue, the Bronx; Abraham Koppel, 593 St. Nicholas Avenue; James Quigley, 520 East 120th Street, and August Rubal, 3076 Park Place, Brooklyn, all charged with complicity in the theft. Other arrests are expected.

The freight car in which the woolen goods were shipped, the police say, was taken from the yards of the Erie Railroad at Cuxton, N. J., and attached to a freight train which went to Soho, N. J. In the Soho yards, it is charged, the car containing the woolens was isolated on a siding.

While there, the detectives say, the car was opened and the goods loaded on an auto truck and taken to a garage in the rear of a saloon at Thirteenth Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street. It was found there Thursday night.

The empty car was brought back to Cuxton on the morning after the theft, but the robbery was not discovered until Tuesday by freight handlers at Cuxton.

Detectives said last night that information, which would lead to the tracing of the men responsible for several startling robberies of dress goods, both silk and wool, would be forthcoming.

Nassau Sheriff's Boast Lands Him in Court

He Fools Yonkers Police in Chasing Astor Car, but They Bring Speeding Charge

The next time that Sheriff Charles Smith of Nassau County, Long Island, outwits the indignant constabulary of Yonkers he will keep the dark secret of his trick in the Yonkers police force last Wednesday, and told the newspapers about it. Yesterday Judge William F. Bleakley, in the Court of Special Sessions, issued a summons calling Smith to appear before him on Tuesday next to answer to a charge of speeding.

Smith, according to the Yonkers police, was giving an automobile, owned by Vincent Astor, a merry chase on Wednesday last. After Motorcycle Policeman Hall had stopped the Astor car he returned to Smith's machine and found in it two men who were handcuffed together. Smith told Hall, the latter says, that the men were prisoners he was taking to court in a hurry and Hall allowed him to go on that account. Later, Smith told reporters that the men in the car were party shorts and he had asked to handcuff themselves together for the purpose of fooling the officer.

Von Tilzer Says Wife Threatened to End Life

Declaring that his wife had threatened to take her life and that of her dog unless he came to see her, Jules W. Von Tilzer, a music publisher, yesterday had his wife summoned before Magistrate Levine, in the West Side court.

Von Tilzer explained that since his wife had stabbed him and her subsequent arraignment and dismissal in the West Side court he has been sending her \$25 a week. He said he had tried to get her to sign a separation agreement without success, and that she had been annoying him with repeated telephone calls. Von Tilzer said he thought the woman's recent behavior was a result of her mental condition. The hearing was adjourned to June 2.

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Butter Prices Will Stay High For Few Weeks

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Price of New Cheese Is Expected to Soar; Fair Price List To Be Published

There appears to be no hope for an immediate reduction in the price of butter. During the early part of the week many of the more optimistic experts predicted a substantial decline in the price of that commodity, but from indications yesterday fancy table butter will be beyond the reach of many families for at least several weeks. The wholesale price yesterday was 61 cents for best grade. The retail figure ranged from 67 cents to 75 cents.

Receipts yesterday continued light, many dealers being unable to procure enough butter to supply the trade. The local market received 8,029 tubs of the domestic product and 1,092 tubs of Holland butter.

That receipts of butter, eggs and cheese are considerably under the level of the four principal markets, namely, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago—is shown by the following comparison for the first five months of 1919 and the same period in 1920:

Butter (tubs) Receipts Receipts Shipment
1919 1920 1919 1920
Eggs (cases) 3,162,417 2,255,431 501,556
Cheese (tubs) 1,924,939 1,423,714 1,000,209

One year ago there was in cold storage at those four market centers 115,960 tubs of butter, as against 72,484 today. Eggs and cheese in storage today are proportionately less than in 1919.

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Best Western eggs were quoted at from 43 to 45 cents a dozen wholesale. The market was staidier, due, it is believed, to the fact that a large number of dealers have been storing the surplus supply which overstocked the market and caused a drop in price. This drop, while it meant more profit for the jobber and retailer, did not benefit the consumer, any noticeable extent because most of the retailers have of late stubbornly refused to come down with the market.

New cheese, which is just beginning to appear, is selling at about 28 cents wholesale. While there is not much activity in that product, opinion prevails that the expected increase in cost of milk will strengthen and may even carry the price of new cheese higher.

There was no change in wholesale prices of vegetables yesterday. New potatoes being steady at \$17 a barrel of 165 pounds. Retail prices, which have held consistently to a high level throughout the lowest wholesale market in months, also were unchanged.

Georgia Peaches Arrive

The first car of Georgia peaches of the 1920 season, containing 400 crates, arrived yesterday in a special train. The fruit brought \$3 to \$4 a crate. It will probably cost consumers 50 cents to 60 cents a basket.

The first car of this season's cantaloupes is expected from California today. The result of a conference between J. J. Price, of the Department of Justice, and representatives of the Merchants' Association a plan is under consideration to publish a daily list of fair prices to be charged for foodstuffs. Many wholesalers and retailers, according to Mr. Price, have promised to cooperate in an effort to prevent undue advantage being taken of the consumer.

Greek King in Auto Wreck

PARIS, May 28.—The automobiles of King Alexander of Greece and Count Athanase Keraparios collided this afternoon in the forest of Fontainebleau. The king escaped injury, but the count was seriously injured and several persons in the car with him also were hurt.

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Cake No Place for Nails, Says Court

The Appellate Division held yesterday that Drake Bros. Co., 433 East 160th Street, the Bronx, was liable for injuries suffered by Miss Bertha Chynsky, from biting into a wire nail that was in a piece of cake baked by the company. The Supreme Court dismissed the complaint of Miss Chynsky, and the higher court ordered a new trial.

The plaintiff lost four teeth due to an infection of the gum, which she alleged was caused by the nail.

Farmers Appeal For a Temporary Credits System

Senate Committee Told Unless Aid Is Provided Production Will Be Reduced and Prices Will Soar

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Representatives of the Farmers' National Council appealed today to the Senate Banking Committee for emergency legislation setting up a temporary credit system to relieve farmers and cattlemen from the effects of efforts toward deflation fostered by the Federal Reserve Board. The committee was told that unless such aid was provided a great reduction in agricultural products would result, with ultimate increased cost of foodstuffs to consumers.

The specific proposal was for creation of a revolving fund of \$25,000,000 or more to be available for loans to farmers under Federal Farm Loan Board administration.

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska, joined by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, asserted that Governor Miller, of the Kansas City Reserve Bank had put in effect a discount rate in connection with deflation efforts that made agriculturists pay from 9 to 10 per cent for money. Governor Harding said the rate had been recommended by the directors of the Kansas City Reserve District, and also by the Dallas, Tex., district.

Senator Hitchcock insisted that the same discount rate should apply in all cases.

Senator Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming, agreed with Senator Hitchcock that the Kansas City and Dallas discount rates had presented "a shock" to the cotton-growing industry particularly. He said the price of cotton on the hoof had dropped 37 per cent in the last few months, but that this was not reflected in the cost to the consumer.

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Milk Price Not To Be Raised to Public in June

Increase Granted Farmers by Distributors Will Not Affect Consumers Now, Dealers Announce

Predict July Increase